

DEBS MAKES PLEA FOR WORKINGMEN

He Accepts Nomination for Presidency in Behalf of World's Laborers.

CANDIDATE OF SOCIALISTS

There Is No Ceremony When He Is Notified of Honor Bestowed.

Terre Haute, Ind., August 26.—In marked contrast to the notification ceremonies practiced by other political parties, the Socialist presidential nominee, Eugene V. Debs, today accepted his nomination by simply informing the newspapers that he was at liberty to print his address of acceptance, which he had sent them in printed form. No committee called on Mr. Debs, and there was an entire lack of ceremony of any kind.

The extreme simplicity of the occasion was marked further by Mr. Debs' action in declining to accept the nomination for a trip to Piquette, Mich., where he will speak to-morrow night. The address follows:

It is with a full sense of the responsibility it imposes and the service it exacts that I accept the nomination for President of the United States. Personally I did not wish the nomination. It came to me unthought, it came as a summons to service and not as a personal honor.

Every true member of the Socialist party is at the party's service. The confidence of his comrades is to him a sacred trust and their collective will the party's law.

My chief concern as a presidential candidate is that I shall serve well the party and the class and the cause the party represents.

The Socialist party is fundamentally different from all other parties. It came in the process of evolution, and grows with the growth of the forces which created it. Its spirit is militant and its aim revolutionary. It expresses in political terms the aspiration of the working class to freedom and to a larger and fuller life than they have yet known.

The world's workers have always been and still are the world's slaves. They have borne all the burdens of the race and built all the monuments along the track of civilization. They have produced all the world's wealth and supported all the world's governments. They have conquered all things but their own freedom. They are still the subject class in every nation on earth and the chief function of every government is to keep them at the mercy of their masters.

The workers in the mills and factories, in the mines and on the farms and railways never had a party of their own until the Socialist party was organized. They divided their votes between the parties of their masters. They did not realize that they were using their ballot to forge their own fetters.

But the awakening came. It was bound to come. Class rule became more and more oppressive and wage-slavery more and more glaring. The eyes of the workers began to open. They began to see the cause of their misery. They had blindly suffered so many years. It dawned upon them that society was divided into two classes, capitalists and workers, exploiters and producers; that the capitalists, while comparatively few, owned the

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nation and controlled the government; that the courts and the soldiers were at their command, and that the workers, while in a great majority, were in slavish subjection.

When they ventured to protest they were discouraged and found themselves blacklisted; when they went out on strike they were suppressed by the soldiers and sent to jail.

They looked about them and saw a land of wonderful resources; they saw the productive machinery made by their own hands and the vast wealth produced by their own labor; in the shadow of which their wives and children were perishing in the skeleton clutch of famine.

The very suffering they were forced to endure quickened their senses. They began to think. A new light dawned upon their dark skies. They rubbed the age-long sleep from their eyes. They had long felt the brutalizing effect of class rule; now they saw the cause of it. Slowly but steadily they became class-conscious. They said: "We are brothers—we are comrades—and they saw themselves multiplied by millions. They caught the prophetic utterance of Karl Marx, the world's greatest labor leader, he inspired the Socialist movement spread out over all the nations of the earth. The world's workers are aroused at last. They are no longer on their knees. Their bowed bodies are now erect. Despair has given way to hope; weakness to strength; fear to courage. They no longer cringe and supplicate; they hold up their heads and command. They have ceased to fear their masters and learned to trust themselves.

And this is how the Socialist party came to be born. It was quickened into life in the bitter struggle of the world's enslaved workers. It expresses their collective determination to break their fetters and emancipate themselves and the race.

It is strange that the workers are loyal to such a party; that they readily stand beneath its blazing banners and fearlessly proclaim its conquering principles? It is the one party of their class, born of their agony and baptized in the blood of their countless brethren who perished in the struggle to give it birth.

Hail to this great party of the toiling millions whose battlecry is heard around the world:

We do not plead for votes; the

workers give them freely the hour they understand.

Would Destroy Prejudice.

But we need to destroy the prejudice that still exists and dispel the darkness that still prevails in the working class world. We need the clear light of sound education and the conquering power of economic and political organization.

Before the united hosts of labor all the despotic governments on earth are powerless and all resistance vain. Before their onward march all ruling classes disappear and all slavery vanishes forever.

The appeal of the Socialist party is to all the useful people of the nation, all who work with brain and muscle to produce the nation's wealth and who promote its progress and conserve its civilization.

Only they who bear its burdens may rightfully enjoy the blessings of civilized society.

There are no boundary lines to separate race from race, sex from sex, or creed from creed in the Socialist party. The common rights of all are equally recognized.

Every human being is entitled to sunlight and air, to what his labor produces, and to an equal chance with every other human being to unfold and give to the world the riches of his mind and soul.

Economic slavery is the world's greatest curse today. Poverty and misery, prostitution, insanity and crime are its inevitable results.

The Socialist party is the one party which stands squarely and uncompromisingly for the abolition of industrial slavery; the one party pledged in every fiber of its being to the economic freedom of all the people.

So long as the nation's resources and productive and distributive machinery are the private property of a privileged class the masses will be at their mercy, poverty will be their lot, and life will be a struggle of all that raises it above the brute level.

The inalienable test of a political party is the private ownership of the sources of wealth and the means of life. Apply that test to the Republican, Democratic and Progressive parties and you will find them essentially one and the same. They differ according to the conflicting interests of the privileged classes, but at bottom they are alike and stand for capitalist class rule and working class slavery.

The new progressive party is a party of progressive capitalism. It is harshly branded and shrewdly advertised. But it stands for the rule of capitalism all the same.

When the owners of the trusts finance a party to put themselves out of business, when they turn over their wealth to the people from whom they stole it and ask to work and make an honest living, it will be time enough to consider the merits of the Roosevelt Progressive party.

The question is sufficient to determine the true status of all these parties. Do they want the workers to own the tools they work with, control their own jobs, and secure to themselves the wealth they produce? Certainly not. That is utterly ridiculous and impossible from their point of view.

All for private ownership. The Republican, Democratic and Progressive parties all stand for the private ownership by the capitalists of the productive machinery used by the workers, so that the capitalists can continue to enrich the wealth produced by the workers.

The Socialist party is the only party which declares that the tools of labor belong to labor, and that the wealth produced by the working class belongs to the working class.

Intelligent workingmen are no longer deceived. They know that the struggle in which the world is engaged today is a class struggle, and that in this struggle the workers can never win by giving their votes to capitalist parties. They have tried this for many years, and it has always

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Wilson	11:45 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	25m.	To 1h. 35m.
Washington	1:20 P. M.	12:40 P. M.	25m.	1h. 45m.
Newbern	3:20 P. M.	2:40 P. M.	50m.	1h. 10m.
Kinston	4:30 P. M.	3:50 P. M.	30m.	1h. 10m.
Goldboro	7:15 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	1h.	40m.
Raleigh			Night	2h. 15m.
Second Day				
Tuesday				
Sept. 17				
Raleigh	8:00 A. M.	5:00 A. M.		
Fayetteville	11:00 A. M.	9:50 A. M.	1h. 50m.	From
Maxton	11:55 A. M.	11:15 A. M.	15m.	To 1h. 10m.
Bennettsville	1:15 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	30m.	40m.
Darlington	2:15 P. M.	1:44 P. M.	30m.	50m.
Florence	4:05 P. M.	2:55 P. M.	40m.	31m.
Sumter	6:25 P. M.	4:55 P. M.	50m.	1h. 10m.
Columbia			Night	1h. 30m.
Third Day				
Wednesday				
Sept. 18				
Columbia	7:00 A. M.	5:00 A. M.		
Newberry	9:50 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	2h.	From
Clinton	10:35 A. M.	10:10 A. M.	20m.	To 1h. 50m.
Laurens	12:15 P. M.	10:55 A. M.	20m.	25m.
Greenville	2:30 P. M.	1:15 P. M.	1h.	1h. 20m.
Spartanburg	4:05 P. M.	3:10 P. M.	50m.	1h. 15m.
Gaffney	4:35 P. M.	4:20 P. M.	15m.	55m.
Blacksburg	5:40 P. M.	4:50 P. M.	15m.	15m.
Gastonia		5:55 P. M.	15m.	50m.
Charlotte			Night	35m.
Fourth Day				
Thursday				
Sept. 19				
Charlotte	6:30 A. M.	5:00 A. M.		
Salisbury	10:25 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	2h. 55m.	From
High Point	11:15 A. M.	10:50 A. M.	25m.	To 1h.
Greensboro	1:30 P. M.	11:45 A. M.	30m.	25m.
Durham	4:05 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	1h.	1h. 45m.
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ALLEN GANG MEMBERS PROFESS RELIGION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Roanoke, Va., August 26.—George W. Crabtree, prison evangelist, to-day, after obtaining permission from Judge Stanley, paid a visit to the members of the Allen gang, who are now in the city jail.

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Mr. Crabtree said the service was one of the most impressive he ever had witnessed in a prison; that he was sure all of the men were absolutely sincere in their penitence and their belief that they will be saved through confession and having penitence.

The Allen gang, Floyd, seemed more affected than the others. After Mr. Crabtree's service, with tears in his eyes, he told Mr. Crabtree that he thanked him for coming to see them and bringing them cheer and hope. He said he felt that he had done wrong, and that he forgave everybody. He was deeply sorry for everything he had done and for what the others had been led to do.

Reunion Date Fixed.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., August 26.—The Fulkerson Camp of Confederate Veterans has fixed September 12 as the date for the sixteenth annual reunion of the Confederate soldiers of Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee. The reunion will be held in Virginia Park here, and a basket dinner will be a feature. Commander N. D. Bachman is arranging for speakers.

Off for Panama.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., August 26.—Judge Archer A. Fulkerson, formerly of the Virginia Court of Appeals, Mrs. Fulkerson and their daughter, Miss Mary Fulkerson, have sailed from New York for Panama. They will spend a month viewing the activities along the canal.

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produced the same results to them. The class of privilege and power has had the world by the throat and the working class beneath its iron-studded boots long enough. The magic word of freedom is ringing through the nation and the spirit of intelligent revolt is finding expression in every land beneath the sun.

The solidarity of the working class is the silent force in the social transformation of which we behold the signs upon every hand. Scarcely nearer they are being drawn together in the bonds of unionism; clearer and clearer becomes their collective vision; greater and greater grows the power that throbs within them.

They are the twentieth century hosts of freedom who are to destroy all despotic rule over all through the seizure of all sources of authority and hold them in their own strong hands, tear up all privilege by the roots, and consecrate the earth and all its fulness to the joy and service of all humanity.

It is vain to hope for material relief under the prevailing system of capitalism. All the reforms that are proposed by the three capitalist parties, even if carried out in good faith, would still leave the working class in industrial slavery.

The working class will never be emancipated by the grace of the capitalist class, but only by overthrowing that class.

The power to emancipate itself is inherent in the working class, and the power must be developed through sound education and applied through sound organization.

It is as foolish and self-destructive for workingmen to turn to Republican, Democratic and Progressive parties on election day as it would be for them to turn to the Manufacturers' Association and the Citizens' Alliance when they are striking against starvation wages.

The capitalist class is organized economically and politically to keep the working class in subjection and to perpetuate its power as a ruling class. They do not support a working class party, nor a working class party. They are not so foolish. They wisely look out for themselves.

Despise Working Class.
The capitalist class despises a working class party. Why should the working class give their support to a capitalist class party?

Capitalist misrule under which workingmen suffer slavery and the most glaring injustice exists only because of the workingmen's support. Withdraw that support and capitalism is dead.

The capitalists can enslave and rob the workers only by the consent of the workers when they cast their ballots on election day.

Every vote cast for a capitalist party, whatever its name, is a vote for wage-slavery, for poverty and degradation.

Every vote cast for the Socialist party, the workers' own party, is a vote for emancipation.

We appeal to the workers and to all who sympathize with them to make their power felt in this campaign. Never before has there been so great an opportunity to strike an effective blow for freedom.

Capitalism is rushing blindly to its impending doom. All the signs portend the inevitable breakdown of the existing order. Deep-seated discontent has seized upon the masses. They must indeed be deaf who do not hear the

mutterings of the approaching storm. Poverty, high prices, unemployment, child slavery, widespread misery and degradation wait in a land bursting with abundance, prostitution and insanity, suicide and crime, these in solemn numbers tell the tragic story of capitalism's saturnalia of blood and tears and shame as its end draws near.

It is to abolish this monstrous system and the misery and crime which flow from it in a direct and threatening stream that the Socialist party was organized and now makes its appeal to the intelligence and conscience of the people. Social reorganization is the imperative demand of this world-wide revolutionary movement.

The Socialist party's mission is not only to destroy capitalist despotism, but to establish industrial and social democracy. To this end the workers are steadily organizing and fitting themselves for the day when they shall take control of the people's industries and when the right to work shall be as inviolate as the right to breathe the breath of life.

Standing as it does for the emancipation of the working class from wage-slavery, for the equal rights and opportunities of all men and all women, for the abolition of child labor and the conservation of all childhood, for social self-rule and the equal freedom of all, the Socialist party is the party of progress, the party of the future, and its triumph will signalize the birth of a new civilization and the dawn of a happier day for all humanity.

Center Heads College.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., August 26.—Following the divorce granted Washington College from Tusculum College, another union of these historic Presbyterian schools of East Tennessee, lasting four years, the board of trustees of Washington College has elected Dr. James T. Coater, of Kansas, as president of that institution. Dr. Coater was president of this school for seventeen years.

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CALL TO REV. J. J. FIX.
Richmond Pastor Is Invited to Church in Roanoke.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Roanoke, Va., August 26.—Following the regular service at West End Presbyterian Church yesterday, a congregation meeting was held and an unanimous call was extended Rev. J. J. Fix, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of South Richmond, to the pastorate of West End Church, to succeed Rev. P. B. Hill, who resigned several months ago to go to Korea as a missionary. Mr. Fix preached two sermons at West End Church Sunday, August 17, and that he made a profound impression is evidenced by the action of yesterday's meeting.

Mr. Fix has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church in South Richmond for a number of years. It is generally believed that Mr. Fix will accept the call.

Baker-Welch.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Fredericksburg, Va., August 26.—If W. Baker, formerly of Orange County, and Miss Mary R. Welch, of Boston, were married in that city a few days ago, Mr. Baker is now superintendent of schools at Miami, Fla., where they will make their home after a wedding trip.